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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL PER TELEPHONE  
INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER HELD FEB. 24, 2006**

Sir:

The examiner is requested to enter the following Amendment per the telephone conversation with Examiner Henderson held on this date:

Cancel Claim 30, and substitute for cancelled Claim 30 new Claim 38, which is Claim 30 without the limitation "by a web" previously objected to by the examiner and includes a limitation that when the hinge is closed, --said hinge braces are arranged face to face extending beyond the plane of said ring elements--.

Amend allowable Claims 31, 32, 34, 35, and 36, first line of each claim, by substituting --38-- for "30", making allowable Claims 31-37 dependent upon new Claim 38..

Add new Claim 39, which omits the objected to limitation "said hinge member on said spine dividing said strip into longitudinal sections", and adds the limitation of now cancelled former dependent Claim 27, which is now cancelled..

Add new claim 40, which is like new Claim 38, but which omits the Claim 27 slot (30) limitation, but includes the face to face hinge braces (32 and 32')..

Amend Claim 24, by substituting --38-- for "6" in the first line of said claim, making this